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SUBJ: ANKARA NUCLEAR RESEARCH CENTER CLOSED TEMPORARILY

1. CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE ANKARA NUCLEAR TRAINING AND RESEARCH CENTER HAVE USED THE PREMISES TO MANUFACTURE CONVENTIONAL BOMBS, ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS OF A STATEMENT MADE BY PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT APRIL 18 TO THE JOINT PARLIAMENTARY GROUP OF THE REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY. EMPLOYEES INVOLVED ARE IDENTIFIED AS MEMBERS OF COMMANDOS, VIOLENT RIGHT-WING YOUTH GROUP, OVER WHICH ALPASLAN TURKES, NATIONAL ACTION PARTY CHIEF, IF FREQUENTLY SAID TO HAVE LOST CONTROL. ONE EMPLOYEE NAMED AS MUHARREM SEMSEK, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE COMMANDOS, HAS BEEN ARRESTED AND TWO OTHERS ARE UNDER INVESTIGATION. THE CENTER HAS BEEN CLOSED DOWN TEMPORARILY.

THE ULKU BASSOY, MFA OFFICER CONCERNED WITH NUCLEAR ENERGY AFFAIRS. TOLD EMBOFF APRIL 19 THAT HE HAD INQUIRED ABOUT NEWSPAPER REPORTS OF THIS INCIDENT AND HAD LEARNED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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